

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The Cancer Data Registry of Idaho (CDRI) was established in 1969 and became population-based in 1971. Cancer cases are required to be reported pursuant to section 57-1704, Idaho Code by hospitals and other treatment providers. The central cancer registry was created for the purpose of facilitating data analysis regarding Idaho's cancer incidence, prevalence, stage at diagnosis, management, survival, mortality, health status, geographic distribution and risk factors in comparison to the nation. Over the years, the data has been used by physicians, hospitals, researchers, public health officials, and ordinary citizens wanting information on cancer prevalence. The data are also used in national reports of cancer incidence published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Funding is derived from the cigarette tax imposed in section 63-2506, Idaho Code, and distributed to the central cancer registry fund pursuant to 63-2520(b)(2), Idaho Code. Prior to the increase of the cigarette tax in 2003, the amount distributed to the operation of the cancer registry was 1% of the net cigarette tax receipts. When the cigarette tax was increased in 2003, the distribution to the operation of the cancer registry was reduced to .4%. Since 2004 the dedicated fund has fluctuated between \$147,000 and \$150,000, with it being just under \$150,000 in 2008. The distribution has not been sufficient to cover the increasing cost of operating the registry which is about \$198,000 annually. The purpose of this legislation is to raise the distribution percentage to 1%.

FISCAL NOTE

This would have a minimum fiscal impact to the general fund of about \$50,000 for the next several years and a maximum fiscal impact to the general fund of about \$150,000 as costs to operate the registry increase over time. However, if the operating costs for any year are under the appropriation distributed to the cancer registry the unused funds are required to be returned to the general fund.

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